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FM AMEMBASSY ALGIERS  
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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ESTC, BEXP, AG, MASS  
SUBJ: SURETE NATIONAL REQUEST FOR MUNITIONS  
PURCHASE  
REF: (A) ALGIERS 2483 (B) STATE 257723 (C) ALGIERS 2632

1. ALGERIAN NATIONAL SECURITY FORCES, SURETE, HAVE  
TESTED SMITH AND WESSON REVOLVERS, REFTEL A, AND  
ARE INTERESTED IN PURCHASING SAME. FOLLOWING  
NORMAL ALGERIAN PRACTICE, THEY INSIST ON DEALING  
WITH COMPANY DIRECTLY RATHER THAN THROUGH AGENTS.  
THIS HAS RAISED A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS WHICH SHOULD BE  
REFERRED TO COMPANY.

2. ACCORDING TO EMBASSY RECORDS, SMITH AND WESSON  
INTERNATIONAL IS LOCATED AT 1 GREENWICH PLAZA,  
GREENWICH, CONN. SURETE WOULD LIKE CONFIRMATION OF  
THIS ADDRESS, AND NAME OF CONTACT AT THE COMPANY FOR  
NEGOTIATING DIRECT DEAL BETWEEN SMITH AND WESSON AND  
SURETE. SURETE CONTACT IS MR. BOURBIA WHO WORKS WITH  
MR. AKLI, REFTEL A.

3. SURETE IS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN FOLLOWING  
MODELS; M-38, M-36 AND M-15, BUT EXAMINATION OF  
SAMPLE GUNS AND 1972 SMITH AND WESSON CATALOGUE IN  
GERMAN LEAD TO SOME CONFUSION. SURETE NEEDS  
CURRENT LITERATURE ON THESE GUNS AND ACCESSORIES  
IN FRENCH OR WITH FRENCH TRANSLATION. SPECIFIC  
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QUESTIONS ARE: DOES M-15 COME WITH 3 INCH BARREL?

HOW MUCH DOES M-36 WITH 3 INCH BARREL WEIGH  
LOADED?

4. FINALLY, SURETE NEEDS CURRENT PRICE LIST AND  
ESTIMATED DELIVERY TIME FOR THESE REVOLVERS. SURETE  
DID NOT STATE SIZE OF EXACT ORDER, BUT INDICATED  
IT SUBSTANTIALLY LARGER THAN 1800 DISCUSSED REFTEL  
C.

5. SURETE IS TELEXING SMITH AND WESSON DIRECTLY  
AT ABOVE ADDRESS, BUT DEPARTMENT'S CONTACT WITH  
COMPANY WOULD ASSURE RAPID RESPONSE, PREFERABLY  
DIRECTLY TO SURETE.  
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